airports in the country as compared to world class duty-free shops at International airports like London, Frankfurt, Dubai etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): Indian Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC) is currently licensed to run Duty Free Shops at International Airports. ITDC has planned to imporve the duty free shops and enlarge the product range with the advice of an internationally renowned Consultant.

New Aviation Policy

636. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a new aviation policy;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed new aviation policy;

(c) the reasons of making changes in the existing aviation policy; and

(d) to what extent the new aviation policy will bring down the losses of Indian Airlines and Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A new draft of the National Policy on Civil Aviation is under formulation.

Declaration of Jaipur Airport as International Airport

637. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country which are going to be declared as international airports during the current Plan period;

(b) whether Jaipur airport has been considered to be made international airport;

(c) if so, by when this project is likely to be completed; and

(d) whether any budgetary provision has been made by Government during the current financial year 1999-2000 in this regard as well as during remaining Plan period?